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Staff meeting.

Went to the dentist. Was hauled out before he finished, to return to the office.

The Brazilian Ambassador came to make a courtesy call.

Afterwards, saw the Dominican Ambassador, who invited us, in the name of his Government, to send a special mission to his country for the inauguration of the new President in August.

This afternoon, I signed an agreement with the South African Ambassador for the support of South African forces in Korea. There were movies and photographs taken.

Chuck Spofford came to see me to talk generally about the Suez Canal situation. His firm has been made American counsel for the company.

I talked to Bill Lacy about the situation created by his having been promised the designation of Minister at Manila. If this were done it would create an undesirable precedent. However, I do feel an injustice was done him, and I later took up this subject with John Allison.

At 5:00 o'clock John Kenney, Tannenwald, Bohlen, Thorn, Raynor and others gathered here to go over the situation created by the Danish Government's intention to deliver an oil tanker to the Russians in the next few days. We had not expected this tanker would be completed in the Danish shipyards before autumn. If delivery is made, the Administration will then have to consider whether it will shut off all aid to Denmark in order to comply with the provisions of the Battle Act, or whether the President will grant an exception in this case. The

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announcement of the delivery would undoubtedly result in a heavy cut in MSA appropriations and probably cause the passage of the Kem Amendment, or something like it, unless the President immediately shortly the cessation of aid. Even that action might, however, be ineffective. We sent a cable to Ambassador Anderson tonight asking her again to take this matter up with the Danish Government, which had yesterday categorically refused to alter its arrangements.

Carl Humelsine came back late from a stormy conference at the White House about the Lattimore case. We are in the unhappy position of not being able to make any public statement since the informant is due to be indicted by a Seattle grand jury on Friday, and also since the investigation has not been officially closed by the FBI.

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